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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

THROUGH : Chief, Operations School

SUBJECT : Course Report, Counterintelligence Operations Course  
No. 2-71, dated 7 - 18 December 1970

1. CI Operations Course No. 2-71 died a-borning. As of 1500 hours on the Friday preceding the commencement of the course, the student enrollment which had once risen to five students had dwindled to zero.

2. While we have some inkling as to what happened to the last few students: a task force in WH, transfer of an OTR student to another venue, and withdrawal of one student from FE because of personnel shortages, we are hard pressed to explain why we did not have enrollments.

3. Readers of the preceding course reports will recall that the students are pleased with the content, and that we have not received comment from the supervisors which would indicate that we have not been filling a need. It would appear that, for Course No. 2-71 at least, there was simply no need.

4. It has been suggested that the decline in enrollment may be caused by individual supervisors and potential students overlooking the course. The former practice of sending out special bulletins from time to time has been discontinued. In their place has been a small expansion of the OTR Weekly Bulletin which normally goes to Training Officers of components but does not receive wide circulation. The OTR Catalog, bound in a large binder, classified, and which will not fit into a normal safe drawer, receives very narrow dissemination. Thus, if the Training Officer does not aggressively circulate information of courses which are available, the general level of supervisor or aspiring student does not know of the courses. An example: The CI Staff general level of supervisors had not been circulated by their own Training Officer, [redacted] of the upcoming course. This is an example only of administration, as a personal canvass by [redacted] CI/TRCO, also revealed no candidates.

5. While enrollments were anything but encouraging, we note that as enrollment declined, the guest instructors were canvassed as to their desire to hold the course with a small enrollment; and they endorsed running the course even with minimal enrollment. We are much gratified by this.

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6. As the student body turned out to be non-existent, it seems inappropriate that the usual attachments to this report be forwarded.

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